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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Weapons and Space Systems Intelligence Committee

FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA
National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT : New Soviet Tank Developments

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1. Attached is a memorandum which I recently sent to the DCI outlining my belief, and the evidence upon which it is based, that the Soviets have deployed their new T-80 tank in considerable numbers. Additional evidence suggests that this is a correct call:

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- [redacted] tank paraded by the Soviets in Moscow in 1981 and 1982 (the M-1981/3 or Dolly Parton) indeed is called T-80 by the Soviets; that it is a "considerably upgraded T-72"

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- [redacted] evidence, suggest to analysts in CIA/SOVA that conservatively some 700 T-80s (M-1981/3) may now be deployed with Soviet forces in East Germany and Czechoslovakia alone. The extent of its deployment in the USSR is uncertain

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